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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR SMITH

REF: PRETORIA 4249

1. YOU SHOULD GIVE FOURIE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR TRANSMISSION
TO THE RHODESIANS IN RESPONSE TO MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL:

2. "WE HAVE PRESENTED THE CASE TO THE BLACK AFRICAN PRESIDENTS
AS AGREED IN PRETORIA. WHILE WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED NO PROBLEM
CONCERNING A WHITE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, THERE ARE SOME
RESERVATIONS ABOUT WHITES HOLDING THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE
AND LAW AND ORDER. WE BELIEVE WE CAN SURMOUNT THIS PROBLEM BUT,
IF WE WERE TO RAISE THIS NEW ISSUE NOW THE WHOLE PROCESS MIGHT
FALL APART OR AT THE VERY LEAST DESTROY THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING
THE TWO MINISTRIES FOR THE WHITES. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE BLACK SIDE
SUBSEQUENTLY SEEK CHANGES, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF THIS
QUESTION WERE BROUGHT UP DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT."
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